

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A color ink set comprising a black ink and a color ink that is different from the black ink, wherein:

the black ink comprises a black pigment, first resin particles having carboxyl groups, a first pH-adjusting agent, a first water-soluble organic solvent, a first dispersing agent, and water, the first resin particles comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of polyester resin particles, polyurethane resin particles, and polyolefin resin particles;

the color ink comprises a coloring pigment, second resin particles, a second pH-adjusting agent, a second water-soluble organic solvent, a second dispersing agent, and water, the second resin particles comprising only acrylic resin particles; and

a pH of the black ink is not less than 7.8, and a pH of the color ink is not more than 4.5.

2. (Previously Presented) The color ink set according to claim 1, wherein the pH of the black ink is not less than 8.7.

3. (Previously Presented) The color ink set according to claim 2, wherein the pH of the color ink is not more than 2.7.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The color ink set according to claim 1, wherein the first pH-adjusting agent is an organic amine.

6. (Previously Presented) The color ink set according to claim 1, wherein the second pH-adjusting agent is an organic acid.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The color ink set according to ~~claim 7~~, claim 1, wherein the acrylic resin particles comprise at least one member selected from the group consisting of an acrylic acid and an acrylic acid ester.

9. (Previously Presented) An ink cartridge comprising the color ink set according to claim 1.

10. (New) A color ink set comprising a black ink and a color ink that is different from the black ink, wherein:

the black ink comprises a black pigment, first resin particles having carboxyl groups, a first pH-adjusting agent, a first water-soluble organic solvent, a first dispersing agent, and water, the first resin particle comprising non-acrylic resin particles;

the color ink comprises a coloring pigment, second resin particles, a second pH-adjusting agent, a second water-soluble organic solvent, a second dispersing agent, and water, the second resin particles comprising only acrylic resin particles; and

a pH of the black ink is not less than 7.8, and a pH of the color ink is not more than 4.5.

11. (New) The color ink set according to claim 10, wherein the first resin particles having carboxyl groups comprise at least one member selected from the group consisting of polyester resin particles, polyurethane resin particles, and polyolefin resin particles.

12. (New) The color ink set according to claim 10, wherein the acrylic resin particles comprise at least one member selected from the group consisting of an acrylic acid and an acrylic acid ester